



## Departmental Legislative Requests

Intergovernmental Relations Committee

January 21, 2020



## OVERVIEW

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- Review State and Federal Legislative Requests
- All of the requests have been vetted by the City Manager's Office and approved for presentation by the City Manager
- Next Steps



## 2020 NCGA SHORT SESSION

- Short session convenes on Tuesday, April 28
- Resolution 2020-1 limits the legislation that can be considered in the 2020 short session:
  - Statewide bills that address specified areas such as amending budgets, revenue and election laws, study committee proposals, redistricting, impeachment, etc.
  - Local bills that are agreed upon by all members of a Delegation and are non-controversial
  - Bills that met 2019 Crossover requirements
- Focus of the short session is on finishing what was started in the long session, playing defense and relationship building



## SUMMARY OF STATE REQUESTS

- Three carryover requests from 2019:
  - Affordable Housing
  - Minimum Housing Standards
  - NC Search & Rescue
- No new State requests for 2020



## 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Affordable Housing
  - Clarify State law to expressly authorize providing financial assistance to low and moderate income persons for displacement assistance and gentrification mitigation
  - City request was incorporated into the Municipal Omnibus Bill (HB 557 – Ross and Adcock) that passed the House and is in the Senate Rules Committee
  - HB 557 is eligible for consideration in 2020



## 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Minimum Housing Standards
  - Support legislation strengthening North Carolina minimum housing standards including extending the authority to local governments to conduct testing for and enforcement of remediation of mold
  - Safety Updates for Rental Properties (HB 1012 – Beasley and Belk) was not considered
  - Since an appropriation is in HB 1012, the bill is eligible for consideration in 2020



## 2020 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- NC Search and Rescue Teams
  - Transition occasional annual funding to sustained funding in support of North Carolina Search & Rescue Teams
  - Recurring funding was agreed upon by the House and Senate in the 2019 Appropriations Act (HB 966 – Johnson) but HB 966 became and remains the epicenter of the budget standoff between the Governor and General Assembly
  - HB 966 is eligible for consideration in the short session



## SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REQUESTS

- Two carryover requests from 2019:
  - Affordable Housing
  - Transportation & Infrastructure
    - Transit
    - Aviation, Highways and Passenger Rail
    - Modernized and Sustainable Infrastructure
- One new Federal request for 2020:
  - Urban Area Security Initiative



## 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Affordable Housing
  - Support federal funding for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit programs that support affordable housing initiatives
  - Letter to the Community:
    - Access to safe, quality and affordable housing
  - Housing Charlotte Framework:
    - Expand the supply of affordable housing
    - Preserve the supply of affordable housing
    - Support self-sufficiency efforts



## 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Transportation & Infrastructure
  - Addresses three major areas of infrastructure
  - **Transit:** Continue working with Congress and the Administration to secure federal resources for the build-out of the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan
  - **Airports, Highways and Passenger Rail:** Support increased federal funding for infrastructure that serves to connect rural and urban areas, including funding for the fourth parallel runway at Charlotte Douglas International Airport
  - **Modernized and Sustainable Infrastructure:** Support increased federal funding for infrastructure that accelerates our transformation toward a sustainable economy and promotes smart cities initiatives, e.g. alternative vehicle refueling stations, renewable energy, and autonomous vehicles and related 5G broadband technology



## 2020 FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Urban Area Security Initiative
  - Support efforts to retain regional eligibility in the Urban Areas Security Initiative
  - UASI program enables high threat, high density urban areas to build and sustain capabilities to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism
  - Ten-County Charlotte region qualified for UASI funding from the time of program inception in FFY 2004 until last year
  - Region has significant terrorism risks (i.e. headquarters of major corporations, Federal Reserve, sporting events, conventions, nuclear power plants, etc.)
  - Region has utilized the program to update its communications capabilities, purchase HazMat bomb equipment for first responder and other needs



## NEXT STEPS

- All of the issues presented today will be brought back to the Committee on Monday, January 27 for consideration to be part of the Committee-proposed State & Federal Legislative Agendas
  - Next meeting is Monday, January 27, 2:00 pm in Room 280
- Committee-proposed State & Federal Legislative Agendas will be before Council:
  - Monday, February 3 Strategy Session
  - Monday, February 10 Action Review
  - Monday, February 24 Adoption